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Think of a story about Immanuel.

There used to be corn where I now park my car before worship at our Church on Grant Street. After that the field was just weeds, as the picture to the right shows. Then there was limestone, and beams. Then there was a meeting place -- people with needs and names gathered to hear the Lord Who named them and met their deepest needs. Immanuel.

Immanuel is not a building, but **people** who have gone before us -- and will come after us, Lord willing -- gathering in a couple of buildings to love and listen to God. The only true God, Who loves and listens to us.

The epistle of James this morning calls us to be like patient and prayerful farmers. Trusting God, not people. Seeking His grace, not wealth. Bringing sinners back home to the Church, not surrendering them without a prayerful fight.

Next year Immanuel will celebrate 60 years of ministry. Whether you have been here for all those years or for just six months, think about a story that demonstrates God's goodness at work. A story about people. A story about God meeting people's needs, and naming them ... "redeemed." Is the story in your mind? Share it with me, please. Share it with others. Seriously. We need to hear it.



A Happy Homecoming week to our WIU alumni and our current students! Watch for Lutheran Student Fellowship in the parade next Saturday and on a store-front window on the square!

In Christ, -- *Pastor Mike Burdick*

P.S. Do you have pictures from Immanuel's history? Photos of baptisms and weddings and service projects and people are welcome and needed. They will help us tell the story of God's work here. If you can scan them, email them to secretary@ImmanuelMacomb.com. Please include all available info with them (names, dates, places). If you can't scan them, write your name on the back of the photos and leave them in the office for us to scan. It will take a while, but we will get them back to you. Thank you!

Coming up ...

Monday, October 12

7:00pm Church Council Meeting at our Student Ctr. (All are welcome)

Friday, October 16

6:00pm Neighborhood Wiener Roast at CHURCH.

Sunday, October 18

12:15pm All-Church Potluck at CHURCH & 1:15pm Voters Assembly

Saturday, October 31

6:00pm Trunk-R-Treat at Church

Sunday, November 1

10:00am "Joint Service" at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center & 11:15am All-Church Dinner. Main courses catered and side dishes furnished by the congregation.

Sunday, November 8

6:30pm Service of Repentance and Remembrance of the victims of abortion, 6:30pm at our Student Center.



Lutheran Student Fellowship this week...

- 6:30pm Wednesday Dinner (free)
- 7:30pm Wednesday Bible Study on "Luke"
- Pastor is available throughout the week for pastoral care, prayer, and conversation (309-255-5580 mobile)
- Friday, Oct. 2 we'll be decorating Eric's truck for the Saturday parade!
- Saturday, Oct 3, 9:00am Parade line-up ...Special t-shirts have been designed by and ordered for all LSF parade participants.

6:30pm Wednesday Dinners for Students. THANKS to you all...

Sep 30: Glenn & Sue Busse

Oct 7 : Tom & Donna Quick

Oct 14: OPEN (help needed)

Oct 21: Lynde & Nick France

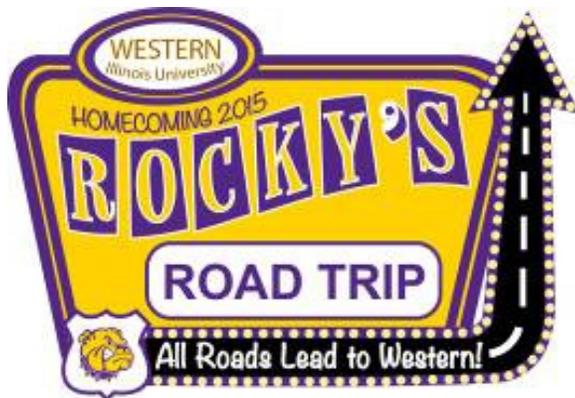
Oct 28: Clinton & Carrie Pedigo

Nov. 4: OPEN (help needed)

Nov 11: Hans & Marcia Moll

Nov. 18: OPEN (help needed)

In December our Advent Dinners accomplish the same fellowship purpose!. To volunteer for one of the OPEN dates, text or call Marcia Moll at 309-255-8358. Thank you all! The Peace of Christ, - Marcia



Thanks to ALL who have been helping with Loaves and Fishes this month. You have blessed many people with God's love and mercy. Special thanks to Diny Burnell and Bill Polley for leading us as the reps on the Loaves & Fishes Board!



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 16-20, 2016 in New Orleans, LA
Informational meeting soon!



also meditate on these words from James:

"My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." James 5:19-20 *Rejoice. Open your mouth and sing His praise.*



"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:9-10

We'll be going back to St. Louis for Spring Break ... put it on your calendar beginning March 11, 2016 and help us work alongside the people of St. Trinity Lutheran Church. This service opportunity is for students, members of the congregation, and friends! In this picture, our students are jumpin' for joy over the yard they created.

Ongoing violence in the Middle East has led to a mass exodus of refugees — an estimated 4 million people have been forced to leave their homes in Syria alone. Others have fled Iran, Afghanistan and other Middle Eastern countries due to persecution by militant groups like the Islamic State. More than half of those fleeing the Middle East are children, according to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

The most recent news headlines report hundreds of thousands of people — mostly from the Middle East and Africa — streaming into Europe. A large portion of these asylum-seekers look for sanctuary in European countries like Germany. As Germany readies for as many as 800,000 more refugees in the coming year, the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche (SELK), an LCMS partner church, is preparing to respond, not only by providing for the immediate physical needs of the refugees but also by providing for their spiritual care through the Gospel. As they do, the LCMS will be walking alongside them.



← Our Church partners in Germany! The Rev. Dr. Gottfried Martens, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Berlin-Steglitz, prays with people from Iran during a Baptism service at Trinity Aug. 30. Hundreds of asylum-seekers reportedly have converted to Christianity at Trinity, a church that is part of the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche, an LCMS partner church. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)



→ The Rev. Hugo Gevers prays for Eizadi Shahriyar during a Farsi and German Baptismal Rite July 27, 2014, at St. Trinitatisgemeinde in Leipzig, Germany. Shahriyar continues to be an active member of the congregation. Gevers is a missionary to migrants and the underserved in Volkmarshdorf in Leipzig for the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche, an LCMS partner church. (Courtesy of St. Trinitatisgemeinde)